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— Courtney photo

Swampscott's Rosemarie and Newton Courtney are looking over a German gun aimed toward Britain. The emplacement is located on Omaha Beach, Normandy and was one of those who unsuccessfully attempted to stem the tide of invasion on D Day.

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NATIONAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Comrades:

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all members and their families.

The Y.D.V.A. is now starting on the final six months of the 1953-54 year, and I am of the opinion that with the cooperation of all officers and members it will continue to be a success when the Annual Convention is held.

Membership can always continue to increase in our organization. All Department Commanders should stress the importance of this subject. As monthly meetings are held by most departments, and representatives from the Chapters are in attendance, the officers of the departments should be able to learn of conditions in general concerning members and strive to have each Chapter continue the drive for members.

In this issue of 'Yankee Doings' the members will be given an opportunity to read the articles concerning the Juvenile Delinquency Program which is being sponsored by the Y.D.V.A. With the interest of all members this can be made a great success and bring to the attention of the public, the work being done by Y.D.V.A.

At this time I wish to thank the many merchants and friends of the Yankee Division in my home district for the wonderful spirit and response shown by them when the Juvenile Delinquency Program was brought to their attention.

Yours in Comradeship,

Michael P. O'Connor

BREAKTHROUGH --- 1953

by

NEWTON S. COURTNEY, member Lynn Chapter YD

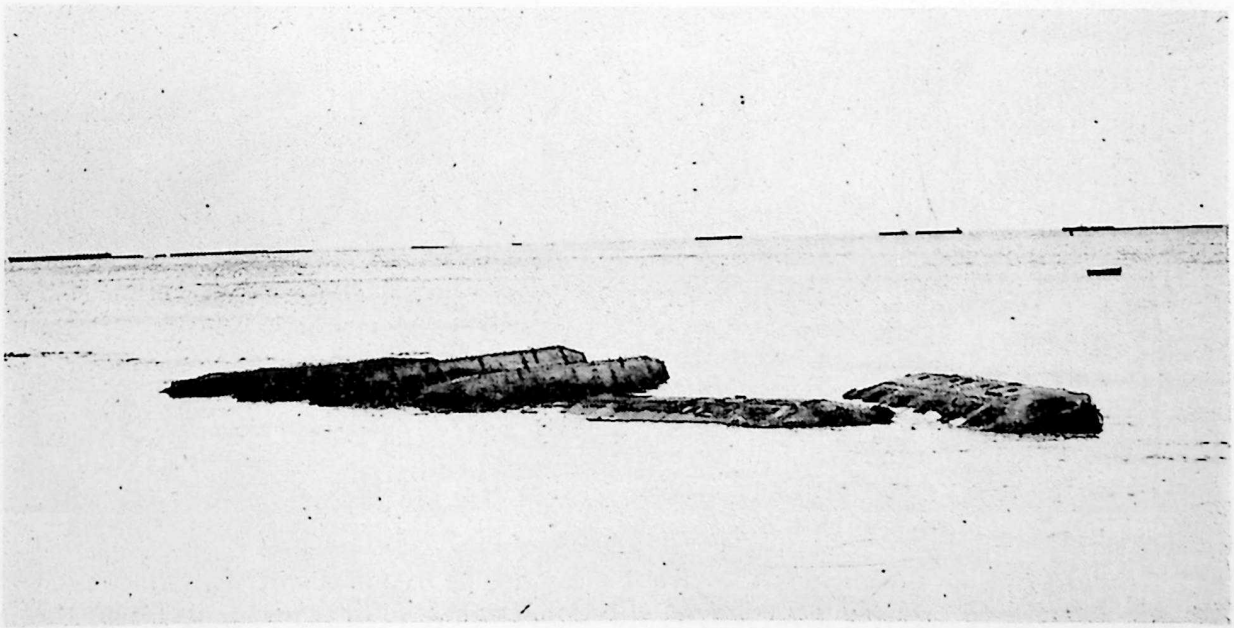
Omaha Beach in Normandy nine years after the great invasion by Allied forces presents a peaceful appearance. It may well resemble the beaches along our New Hampshire and Maine coasts with children playing on the white sands upon which American blood flowed so freely on that hot June day in 1944. At low tide landing obstacles placed there by the Germans may be seen sticking their ugly forms out of the water. Some were blown up by American "frogmen" and demolition crews of the Engineers, but many still remain. Ruins of the ships sunken by the Americans to form an artificial breakwater may be seen about a half mile off the beach. These ships are slowly being broken up by the town of St. Laurent-sur-Mer and the metal is being sold. From the funds received a gigantic memorial of cement and stone is being erected on the beach.

The first World War II American cemetery in France is marked on the beach by a sign and a fence of white posts that states "The heroic dead buried here on D-Day have been removed and placed in the St. Laurent American Military Cemetery."

A new paved road runs along the entire beach front and souvenir stands selling pictures of the Americans landing are located just off the beach.

Most of the former German emplacements are broken up, but a few still remain as souvenirs of the Great Invasion. In some the ugly muzzles of German guns still poke through aimed toward Britain just across the Channel. On a high bluff overlooking the beach are granite and bronze memorials to designate the spot where American Ranger battalions and the Provisional Engineer Special Brigade Group scaled the heights hand over hand on rope dropped from the top by men who had reached the top by another more dangerous route under a blasting enemy fire. A Memorial to the First Infantry Division lies a few miles south of Omaha and was recently dedicated.

When the writer landed on this beach one month after D-Day it was far from being the scenic beauty that it is now. Debris and wreckage was strewn all over the area. Sunken ships filled the harbor and landing barges had to make their way with care. Ammo and supplies were piled high as far as the eye could reach. American plans patrolled the area to keep off the few enemy planes that came over. Every night at ten a German plane the GI's nicknamed "bedcheck Charlie" flew over and dropped a couple of 500 pound bombs on the beach. The German Air was too busy elsewhere to give much trouble on the Normandy coast. All French railroads had been wrecked by the retreating Germans so all gasoline, ammo, food, in fact every single articles must now be carried to the fighting troops by truck. So, the famous "Red Ball" Express started to work. Driven by expert drivers, usually negros, they did a marvelous job which did not end until the Rhine was reached several months later. Their trucks rolled twenty-four hours a day and the fighting units were not long



— Courtney photo

A bit of World War II Invasion wreckage still shows on Omaha Beach at low tide.

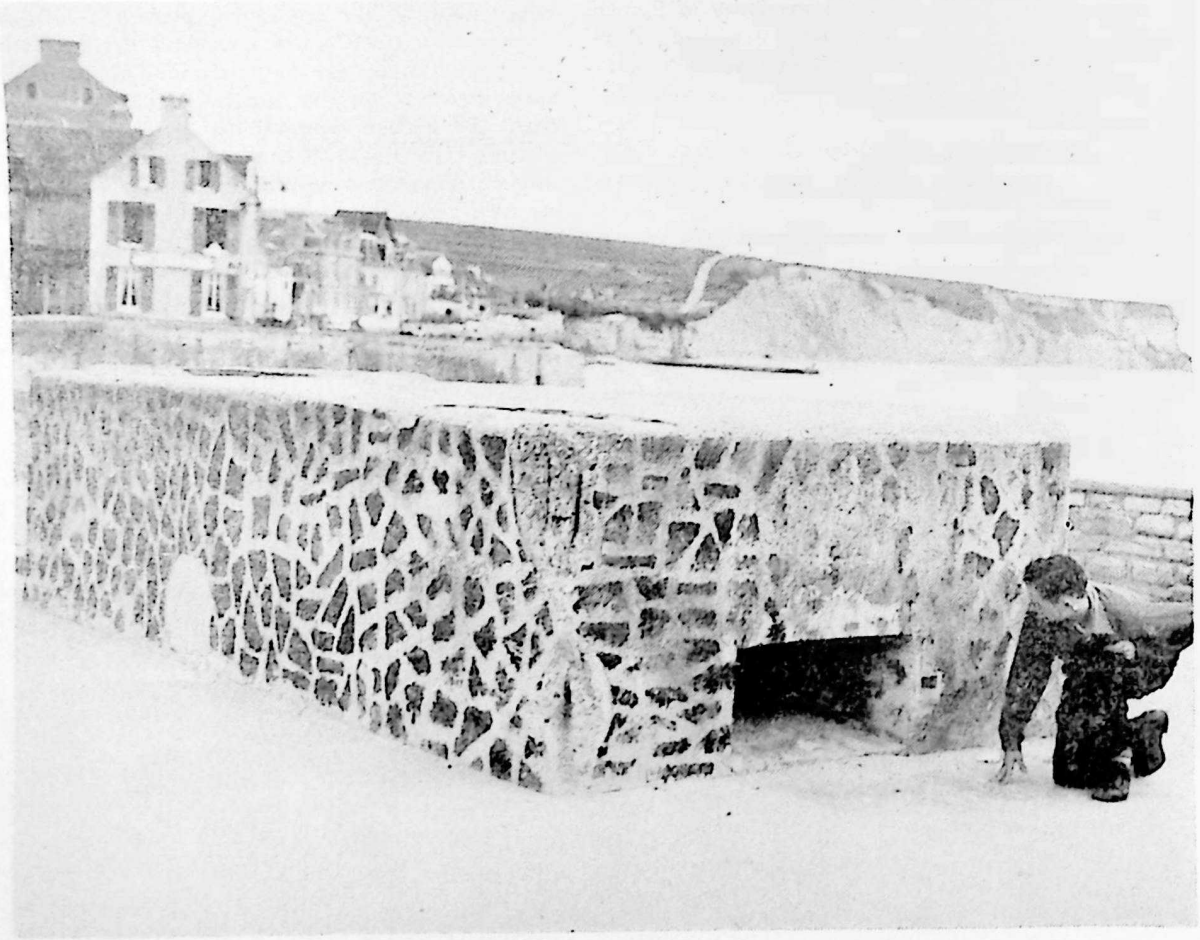
without the sorely needed gasoline and ammo, which was being expended almost as fast as they received it.

Among the first troops to land on Omaha Beach on D-Day were elements of the 1st, 2nd, and 29th Infantry Divisions; the 2nd Armored Division and the Provisional Engineer Special Brigade Group. In the first week of fighting 5,846 casualties were suffered on this one beach with 1225 being killed in action. The 29th Infantry Division (Blue and Gray) from Maryland and Pennsylvania had the largest losses with 2440 men being either killed or wounded.

On Utah Beach, a few miles further on the coast nearer Cherbourg the 4th, 9th, 79th, 90th Infantry Divisions and elements of the VII Corps landed. A few hours prior to the beach landings the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions were parachuted behind enemy lines and the 327th Glider Infantry regiment was landed by gliders flown into Normandy from Britain by the 9th Air Force. Utah beach casualties for the month of June amounted to 22,119 men, of which 2811 were killed; the 4th Infantry Division suffering the greatest losses with 5,452 men of which 844 were killed in action.

Casualties ran very high in the Airborne and Glider units, mostly due to crash landings. One unit landed in water more than six feet deep and with their heavy equipment didn't have a chance. The Assistant Division Commander of the 101st Airborne, Brig. Gen. Donald E. Pratt was killed in a crash landing. Wrecks of gliders and parachutes were seen in this area for weeks following D-Day with many in trees and on rooftops in the towns of Isigny, Carentan, St Lo and St Mere Eglise.

On the road to Cherbourg lies a small town famous for its butter and cheese the world over—Carentan. The Germans heavily defended this town to delay the Americans from reaching Cherbourg. The battle lasted for a week with the 502nd Parachute regiment doing most of the fighting. On the 15th of June the Germans threw up their hands and what was left of them surrendered. Lt. Col. Robert E. Cole, commanding the 3rd Battalion of the 502nd was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for outstanding bravery in this battle. The brave officer never knew it however, because on the following September 19th he was killed in action in Holland, just



— Courtney photo

German pillbox with town of Arromanches in background, located on Omaha Beach. Young Newt Courtney of Swampscott is giving the hidden gun a once over.

one day before the award reached his commanding officer.

Cherbourg surrendered to Maj. Gen. Collins on 27th of June when Deputy Commander General Sattler of the German forces capitulated. On this day the Americans won their first port on the continent which was sorely needed for supply purposes.

ST LO.

The entire American advance was held up for days while the Germans fought to the death to prevent this strategic city from falling into American hands. The Air Force and artillery literally blasted this town off the face of the earth.

The city took such a beating that it didn't seem possible that a human being could be left alive,—but the Germans still held on. Our Air Force ran 'round the clock flights and dropped thousands of bombs into the area of every description. The American Army lost one of its ablest generals when Lieutenant General Lesley J. McNair, former Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces (now called Field Forces) was killed by American bombs at St Lo. Several American lives were lost when American bombs fell short due to smoke and debris of battle obscuring the target area.

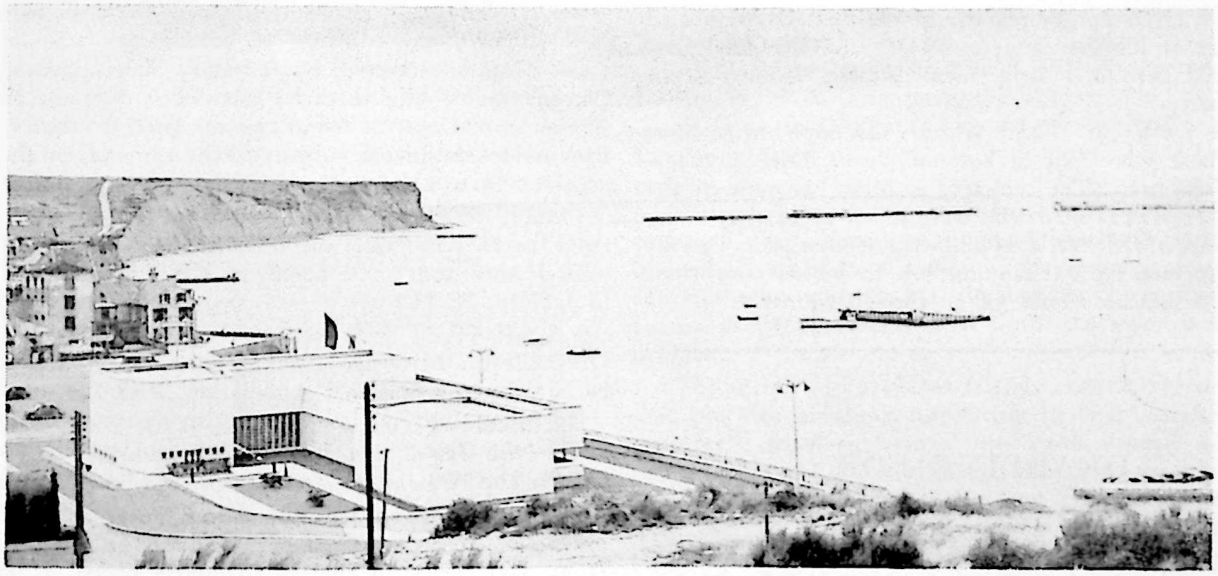
On the 26th Day of June the first American troops entered what has been called "The most ruined city in France" and allowed General Patton to send his tankers forward on their long journey that ended in Germany and Austria.

When the first troops entered the city not a building was standing. Among the French it is still called the Martyred City. Thousands of civilians were killed and its beautiful cathedral was reduced to rubble.

The officer commanding the first troops to enter the city never knew that he had won the battle. He was Major Thomas D. Howie and was killed just outside the city before the Germans commenced their retreat toward the Rhine. Men of Major Howies unit carried his body to the pile of debris which was once one of the most beautiful cathedrals in the world. There they placed it on top of the rubble and covered it with an American flag. Every man left alive in the major's outfit then marched by and gave their commander a final salute. Today St Lo pays a fine tribute to this brave officer. At each of the city's entrances a large sign states that the martyred city was liberated by Mayor Howie on 26 June 1944.

The city today is fast rebuilding with new and modern buildings. Members of the World War II Yankee Division would hardly recognize it as the city they passed through in 1944 after they had landed at Omaha. American Friends of France are erecting a ten story hospital outside the city on a high hill.

An American General Officer perfectly describes the Battle for Normandy in a statement he made shortly after the fall of St Lo. He said, "I doubt if anyone whoever ducked bullets and shells in the hedgerows, waded through mud and scrambled over hedgerows never knowing when he might find himself looking into the muzzle of a German tank gun, will look back on those days with any remembered feeling other than of the deadly unrelenting fatigue and danger. Except when the Germans counter-attack, there was so little result to show for so much



— Courtney photo

Another section of Omaha Beach showing the town of Arromanches in foreground. The modern building shown is to be a museum of the invasion souvenirs. Ships sunk by the Americans to form an artificial breakwater are shown in background. The 1st American Infantry Division landed near this spot.

suffering; just a few hedgerows gained, with each one just like those already behind, and those still to take."

Today the only American troops in this area is a small army detachment stationed at the Atlantic cable office in Cherbourg.

A story of this area would not be complete without mention of the beautiful American Military Cemetery located at St Laurent-sur-mer. It is located on a high bluff overlooking Omaha beach and when completed it will be the prettiest cemetery in the world. Presently it is the third largest American Military Cemetery overseas. The largest is the Mont Faucon cemetery with more than 14,000 World War I graves located near the Argonne. The second largest is the World War II cemetery located near Metz with 12,000 graves. St Laurent contains 10,000 graves, each one lined up perfectly by American Engineers and surveyors. Each grave has an Italian marble cross or Star of David at its head. The cemetery is not yet completed and construction has started on the caretakers and his assistant's homes, the chapel and a memorial building. The superintendent and his assistant are American veterans, with the laborers being French civilians. On Memorial Day and June 6th French citizens from neighboring towns attend services and bring flowers to the cemetery. French children have "adopted" many of the graves, and keep fresh wildflowers on them.

Three general officers are buried here along with their men. Their graves are marked exactly the same as are all the others. They are Lieut. Gen. Lesley J. McNair who trained most of the American troops as the Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces. He was killed in action at the battle for St Lo. Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Asst. Division Commander of the First Division died of a heart attack shortly after D-Day and the third general buried here is a Brig. Gen. Walters from western Massachusetts.

There are a few World War II YD boys buried here, mostly those who died in hospitals from illness or accidents in this area The cemetery at Metz has most of the World War II YD men who were killed in battle.

The American Battle Monuments Commission has indeed performed an outstanding job in beautifying these spots of American sacred soil in foreign countries.

DEADLINE FOR

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FEBRUARY 25th

YDVA NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Manchester, N. H., November 15, 1953

The last regular meeting of the National Executive Committee of the YD Veterans Association was held on Sunday, November 15, 1953 at the Manchester Post American Legion quarters.

The meeting was opened by National Commander O'Connor at 2:55 pm., with the following present: National Commander, Secretary and Treasurer, National Sgts-at-Arms, Tetreault and Reimer; Past NC Dunlap Dell Isola; Dept. Commanders Kittredge, Meikle and Chesson, Chapter Commanders Fallon, Story, Weiler, Fontaine; Committeemen-at-Large Vickory, Grandchamp, Anderson.

National Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting at Providence. They were accepted as read.

Treasurer Pacifici read a detailed report of the finances of the Association to date and they showed a very satisfactory balance for the first four and a half months and prospects of finishing in the black this year.

A petition for a new Chapter Charter was read by the Secretary. The petition was signed by 13 members and is to be called the "Michael A. Connor" Chapter to be situated in the Southern part of Middlesex County of Connecticut. The towns of Old Saybrook, Lyme, Hamburg, Essex, Deep River, Chester, Hadlyme, Haddan, Centerbrook, Ivorytown, Winthrop, Killingsworth, Durham, Madison, Clinton and Westbrook.

A Motion was made by Secretary Watts, Seconded by Commander Weiler that the Michael A. Connor Chapter of the State Dept. of Conn., be accepted by the National Executive Committee, subject to the approval of the Connecticut State Dept. Motion passed.

Much discussion was had on the express charges of a stone to be sent from the YD Memorial Church in Belleau, France and to be placed in the Cathedral of Pines, in Jaffery, N. H.

A MOTION was made by PNC Dell Isola, SECONDED by Kittredge that the Express on above stone be paid by the National Association. PASSED.

A MOTION was made by WATTS, SECONDED by Fallon and Passed that the $500.00 loaned by two members of the Association several years ago be paid.

Report on Juvenile Delinquency Program was made. Have started the program in Northampton and have had front page release in the Northampton paper.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm., and a buffet lunch was served by the Ladies of the Manchester Chapter.

H. Guy Watts,

National Secretary

Y. D. PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

By Michael J. Mooney

(Last article of three articles)

That evening we embarked on a steamer at the Hook of Holland on our night crossing to England. Most every one sought their cabins and were awakened early next morning at the dock at Harwich, where we entrained for London. Breakfast on the train, soon we were at Liverpool St. Station and boarded a bus. Driving through the heavy traffic of London we passed the Cathedral of St. Paul that our guide lecturer said was in the midst of the bombing in 1944 but was unharmed although 6 other churches in a small radius from the cathedral was destroyed. We passed the Bank of England, motored down Fleet St. to the Strand and Trafalger Square, past the Parliament Buildings to Buckingham Palace and Hyde Park to the Marble Arch, the route of the Coronation procession a month previous. The giant-stands, gayly decorated, holding thousands of spectators who witnessed the procession were still up. We stopped at the Hotel Mount Royal off Oxford St. That evening after dinner we walked down Oxford St., and admired the decorations on the stores and buildings. The American department store, "Selfridges" with its stately stone pillars entwined in purple, crimson and gold bunting and a life size equestrian statue with Queen Elizabeth mounted on the horse in riding habit over a large recess in the main entrance of the store evoked expressions of delight from the ladies in the party.

The following day all joined the sightseeing tour. The "Tower of London" was our first stop. This massive fortification was constructed by William the Conqueror a thousands years ago. The Crown Jewels or Regalia was the principal point of interest, guarded by colorfully attired guards called Beefeaters. The prison tower where Walter Raleigh and the wives of Henry VIII were imprisoned before decapitation proved morbidly interesting. Later we visited the grounds of St. James Palace, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Rotten Row, Hyde Park, Kensington Park and the Sunken Gardens. The next day was devoted to shopping by the ladies.

Sunday we boarded our big red bus for Stratford on Avon a hundred mile trip through the verdent countryside of England.

The hundred mile trip with rustic scenes, quaint villages, rich farm lands interested all despite the rain that was falling. The names of the inns and taverns en route piqued our curiosity such as "The Quiet Woman", "Horse and Crown Inn", "Thistle and Rose", were some of the fantastic names we saw.

Our bus stopped at Dorchester for tea. Many took camera shots of thatched roofed cottages and the Market Cross in center of the town. On the road again we passed Blenheim Castle the ancestorial home of Winston Churchill. A while later we drove past beautiful Warwick Castle and its spacious wooded surroundings.

Arriving at Stratford on Avon our group had dinner at the Shakespeare Inn. The writer had dinner with old friends in the town, the James' family and later met the group visiting Shakespeare's Birthplace, the Harvard House, Garrick Tavern, Holy Trinity Church where the poet is buried, the Memorial Theatre on the banks of the Avon and the picturesque old-fashioned garden at the Ann Hathaway. The interior of this thatched roof cottage built in the 15th century contained great fireplaces and furniture of that period. En route back to London the motor coach stopped at the town of Broadway for tea. The following day, many went shopping, some rested while others visited the many places of interest in the world's largest city.

Tuesday we boarded our motor coach for Southampton, our port of debarkation for home. A savory dinner was enjoyed by the group that was to sail on La Libertie at the historic and picturesque Dolphin Hotel once the rendezvous of Admiral Nelson and his officers. After dinner we enjoyed a brief walk about the city and its beautiful parks. Many vestiges of the havoc caused by German rocket bombs were visible, especially on High and Bugle St. Farewells and bon voyages were said to our departing fellow tourists who had been with us over a month, as a lighter took them to the La Libertie that was to sail for New York.

The writer elected to remain in England a month longer, accompanied by Mr. Williman, who for the past month had been our genial guide and conductor on the Italian extension trip, and the operator of the motor coach, back to London. The writer remained a week in London visiting many places of interest. The Coronation pageant on the Thames, a three mile long line of boats and barges symbolizing periods and events in the two thousand year's history of England was most colorful and impressive. Like the Coronation procession it rained, but the inclement weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of thousands of spectators who lined the river banks and bridges.

The writer again visited friends in Stratford on Avon, shot pictures of many interesting spots in "Shakespeare's Country", witnessed one of the bards dramas and later made a trip to Edinburgh. This colorful city with beautiful Princess Street, its gardens and famous flower clock, with the fort called Edinburgh Castle on a plateau 400 feet over the city and Holyrood Palace, the former home of the royalty of Scotland, a mile down the thoroughfare, called the Royal Mile, was very picturesque. This is the old part of the city dating from the 11th century. Many of the rugged stone houses of that age are still standing. A trip to Abbotsford, the home of the author Walter Scott and later a trip to the great steel cantilever Bridge of

Forth that was constructed over 50 years ago at the cost of 15 million dollars is a triumph of engineering. The writer found the Scotch people like all Celts, very hospitable and gay. Some day he would like to return to "Auld Rookie" as Edinburgh is called.

A plane from London Airport on Aug. 3rd with a stop in Iceland and Newfoundland brought him home to Boston in 13 hours, with fine photos, memories of new faces and places as a lifetime remembrance of the finest vacation in years.

Michael J. Mooney

KEEP YD ALIVE

Get out of that easy chair
and stop YD sliding back.
Remember every YD man
must keep YD alive.
There is work ahead YD'ers,
but it is a pleasant task.
You come to the meetings, fill the
offices, that is all I ask.
At all meetings we want to find YD'ers
with a willing hand and heart.
'Tis not enough throughout the year;
you must be an integral part.

Some of our YD'ers are weary, with
keeping this YD alive.
Give them a helping hand while you
are yet young and strong.
When you attend our meetings, you
hear invocations offered there.
You depart with a joyous YD feeling
you had in a prayer.
A prayer not for us alone,
nor for individual needs,
They are a universal pleading, for our YD
buddies who give their lives for the U. S. A.

Our Ritual too, is really beautiful
to review.
Teachings and symbols embodied
there should be inspiring to every YD'er.
So to all YD'ers who have shirked,
make an earnest plea.
Resolve to take an active part
to help build up our Y.D.V.A.
Ponder often on what Good Fellowship, Good Citizenship,
and Tolerance really means.
Then start the ball rolling forward for
the Largest and Strongest Y.D.V.A.

Thomas H. Porter, P.D.C.
Dept. of Conn., *Chaplain*

103rd MACHINE GUN BATTALION
COMPANY 'C'

It is time again for our annual winter get-together with a Ladies' Night dinner. It will be held in the

Pilot Room
Johnson's Hummocks
Allens Avenue
Saturday, January 23rd, at 7 o'clock
The choice is either Steak or Lobster Dinner.
The charge will be $3.00 per person.

Those of you who have attended these affairs in the past will remember that a good time was had by all.

However, I would like to say a word to those who have not been present at any of these meetings: Why don't you come down once and see for yourself? We are just a group of people who used to live together years ago and who like to meet old acquaintances once in a while.

Hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you at that time.

Cordially yours,

Henry F. Dunbar, *Cmdr.*

Send requests for reservations to James F. Thomas Sr., 16 Lowell Ave., Shawomet, R. I.

Mr. Guy Watts
Yankee Division Veterans' Association
200 Huntington Avenue
Boston, Mass.

Dear Guy:

On December 10th I was rushed to the Emory Hospital here in Atlanta for an emergency operation—a very stubborn stone had become embedded in my right kidney and it had to be extricated. I didn't return home here until December 27th, so you see during the Christmas holidays my thoughts were otherwise occupied than in sending Christmas wishes.

However, when I did reach home, my convalescence was helped greatly by reading the cards and notes from my good YD friends—not only from those living around Providence, but also from my good friends in Arizona and Colorado.

I would apprecate it very much if you would print in the next YD Doings the reason why none of my buddies heard from me this Christmas; tell them thanks for their cards and good wishes and that I am sincerely wishing for them and theirs a grand 1954.

Sincerely,

Past Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms
Mike Crescenzo

Michael Crescenzo
3423 Piedmont Rd., N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

YANKEE DIVISION BUDDIES MEET AFTER 34 YEARS

When Kenneth Daly met Herbert Ladue at the Canadian Natonal Railways office in Boston last week, it was the first time since 1919 that the paths of these two buddies of the first World War famed Yankee Division had

Kenneth Daly and Herbert Ladue of Canadian National meet in Boston

— Globe

crossed. Daly was a line sergeant and Ladue a mess sergeant in the 103d Machine Gun Battalion of the 26th Division when they were discharged from the Army at Fort Devens, Mass., 34 years ago. Now, both men are stationed in Boston with the Canadian National Railways: Daly as general freight agent for New England and Ladue as general agent of the passenger department. Both began their railroad careers with the Central Vermont Railway at St. Albans, Vt., and both were original members of the Vermont National Guard Machine Gun Company prior to World War I and both are natives of St. Albans.

Dear Guy:

I know one guy you made happy. That was Chester Hobbs, a patient at Togus, Me. Chet was beaming all over when I went into his room just before Christmas, for he had had a telephone call from an old comrade that he hadn't seen for years, and a letter from another comrade of the 104th Inf. Chet had been a member of both Hq. and I Co., of that regiment.

Other YD members in the Hospital are: Emil Svenningsen, (M) Co., B 101st Supply Train; Ernest Gagne, Co. M, 103rd Inf., of Augusta; Leo Tetu, Co. M., 103rd Inf., Augusta; Charlie Rand, Co. G., 103rd Inf., of Portland; Herbert Blakeney, Reg. Band, Hq Co. 103rd Inf., of Waterville.

The 103rd Inf. Veterans Assn. of which Gen. William E. Southard of Bangor is president, will hold its second annual convention in Augusta, Me. And the boys are looking for a larger turnout this May than they had at Manchester last year. Secretary Walter Jones of 74 Oxford St., Somerville, Mass., may have something more to say about this. Or page Frank Bogle, he is Sgt.-at-Arms.

Best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year to you, Guy, and to the Outfit.

Yours,

J. E. McMahon

SERVICE NOTE

Interest has been shown in Public Law 361, (77th Congress), according to a note in a local paper which advises veterans to become familiar with it.

This law deals with service connected disabilities. It provides that when a veteran applies for service connection for a disability incurred in or aggravated by his service, due consideration shall be given to the places, types and circumstances of his service, the official history of each organization in which he served, his medical records and all pertinent medical and lay evidence. He will obtain a favorable decision by offering satisfactory lay or other evidence of service incurrence or aggravation of the injury or disease in question, if consistent with the circumstances of such service, even though official records show no evidence of the disability. The veteran is to have every reasonable doubt decided in his favor, regarding the propriety of calling this disability service connected. But any clear-cut evidence to the contrary may offset his contention.

Any veteran interested in pressing a claim on the above basis can get a copy of this Law by writing to the Congressional Document Room, The Capitol, Washington, 25, D. C. But it would probably be easier for him to go to the local office of the Veterans' Administration, the Legion or the Red Cross, where he can discuss his case. Of course, the Service Office is always at his disposal but it is usually better to talk than to write.

Henry A. Contois,
Associate Service Officer,
17 Knox St.,
Worcester 3, Mass.

Yankee Division Commander Launches U. S. Drive Against Juvenile Delinquency, Crime

Reprint of Press Release as it appeared in DAILY HAMPSHIRE PRESS, Dec. 2, 1953

Fire Captain Michael P. O'Connor of Florence, who is the present national commander of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, has launched a national campaign against juvenile delinquency. With the aid of his entire organization together with Dwight S. Strong, executive director of the Massachusetts Citizens' Crime Committee, Comdr. O'Connor looks forward to gratifying results.

Last July, soon after Comdr. O'Connor was elected, he interested his executive committee in this important civic problem of local as well as national importance. It is significant that this Y.D.V.A. movement was first talked about at a time when juvenile crime was at a low ebb but was showing signs of becoming the menacing problem we know today.

During the first talks it was decided to get in touch with Washington since Y.D.V.A. is a national organization comprised of thousands of veterans from the famous 26th Division and any plan instituted would be national in scope.

Washington advised Y.D.V.A. to work with and under the direction of an outstanding man in this field who coincidently was in Boston. That man is Dwight S. Strong, the brilliant pioneer whose efforts are credited with the nationally recognized "Packet" on the "J. D." question. The "Packet" comprised of many texts covering the multiple facets of this pressing subject is a complete guide for individuals as well as large groups to follow, and is

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The whole subject of delinquency and crime has probably been muddled by more conflicting "expert" opinions than is true of many other areas of life. Further to compound the confusion, all kinds of ordinary folk have safely solved, to their satisfaction, all of the problems connected with the subject.

Popular misconceptions range all the way from "There is no such thing as a bad boy" to "Criminality is inbred in those who follow the pathways of crime and vice." The truth usually may be sought in between these extreme points of view.

A list which would include all the causes of crime

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would be as long as imaginative minds wished to make it. Experts have declared that there is no one cause; therefore, no one cure.

There are some general causes however, on which both adults and youth seem to agree, namely, instability in family life, personal frustration and loneliness, questionable companions, bad environment, poor examples set by adults, inadequate housing, and the lack of recreational facilities and programs.

Everyone agrees that the one outstanding cause of crime is the *breakdown of the home.*

When a healthy family life does not exist, or where it is disrupted, there develops a predisposition toward delinquency.

This disruption may be due to the death of one or both parents, divorce, drunkenness, incompatability, economic or spiritual insecurity, or a general lack of love and affection in the home. Whenever these or other causes appear, they loosen the basic support of strong character and personality that belong in the solid family unit.

When a combination of such negative factors occurs in a child's life, an unconscious need develops to compensate for the feeling of inadequacy or frustration that accompanies these factors. The effort to compensate often leads to the development of the patterns of delinquency.

A case in point very simply explained was suggested by Mr. Dwight S. Strong of the Citizens Crime Committee. This as well as other material which shall appear in our Yankee Doings is part of the famous "Packet" and acknowledgement must be given to Judge John B. Connelly of the Boston Juvenile Court and the Mass. Council of Churches for its contents. It is called

A BOY IN TROUBLE

Late one evening, a boy of eleven, commonly referred to as a "bad" boy in the neighborhood, was arrested by the police while breaking into a variety store. He had been arrested once before for a less serious offense. His home was considered by the social worker as "not too good." When Joe was seven years old the father had deserted his

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family and the mother who had four other children was receiving "relief."

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Between the time of his arrest and his appearance in court Joe was allowed to go to his own home. When the neighbors who knew that he was "bad" and had been arrested saw him back in the neighborhood they did a lot of talking. They thought he should be punished for his wrong doing, maybe even sent to jail.

When Joe did appear in court the judge placed him on probation for a year.

Several questions are raised in this incident. For example: What led Joe to steal? What part did the police and the probation officer play in Joe's arrest? Where could he be sent except to his own home? What steps, other than probation could the judge have taken? What would happen to Joe if he violated his probation?

This incident and the questions suggested as well as others it provokes, provides the basis for the following discussions which shall appear in each issue of "Doings." Make sure that your Chapter has its "Packet" which may be secured by writing National Headquarters. Let us all get behind an important Civic Problem of Local as well at National importance and LEND A HAND to the less fortunate emotionally upset boys.

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Letter Received From Lt. Col. Richard F. Zeoli Who Served With 101st Inf. & Div. Hdqrs, WW 2

Dear Sir:

Please say hello to the YD'ers for me. Arrived here 5 Nov. after leaving the States on the 28 Oct.

I am Chief, Logistics Div., UNCMAC. I don't know how long the Armistice Commission is going to last, but that's my job, to date anyway. The work is interesting—the tent camp is 15 miles south of Panmunjon isn't too bad. Movies every night, that's all for recreation.

Saw a USO show recently with a South Boston comic in it. He sang a song about Old Southie and the YD. It brought back pleasant memories.

If I can do anything for the boys, please let me know. Send me a bill for Yankee Doings. I would like to get it regularly.

Zeke Zeoli

H. Guy Watts, Esq.
YD Club of Boston
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Guy:

I found the latest issue of that fine magazine especially interesting, from the cover showing Mont Sec through the story about the "Hobnail" Trail and also Mike Mooney's entertaining story. I thought that part about the doughnut girl was very interesting. I hadn't realized she was here in Boston, so I think I will drop her a line and thank her *again* for the doughnuts I got when we were up in Beaumont facing Mont Sec, not far from Ansauville. Perhaps some time it might be nice for the YD to have a little reception in her honor as one of our activities. The only thing that made me feel sad was the fact that the "Taps" items took up nearly two pages. I suppose we have got to make up our minds that those items will be more and more frequent in the future.

Sincerely,

Ralph M. Eastman

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The regular monthly meeting of the State Department of the Y.D.V.A. was held on Sunday, December 6, 1953 at the quarters of the Reading Chapter, Reading, Mass. The meeting was opened by Commander Harold Nute at 3 P. M.

Members were present from the following Chapters: Boston, Haverhill, Lynn, Worcester, Northampton, Beverly, Salem and Reading.

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The State Department congratulates the members for the reorganizing of the Salem Chapter. Good luck on your venture.

Membership of 1230 members reported by the senior vice commander. A report of visits to the soldiers home made by the Chaplain.

The committee reports that the attendance prize tickets are being distributed to the Chapters for the Commanders' Fund.

The State Department congratulates the New Bedford Chapter for the membership drive and hope that we will see you at the February meeting of the State Department to be held at the YD Club, Worcester, Feb. 7, 1954.

The January meeting of the State Department will be held at the YD Club, Worcester, Mass., Jan. 10, 1954.

The February Meeting of the State Department will be held at the YD Club, Worcester, Mass., Feb. 7, 1954.

There will be election of State officers at this meeting. All Commanders try to attend this important meeting of the State Dept. All the Officers of the State Department of Massachusetts send their Greetings for A MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all the Chapters YDVA.

Archie J. McInnis,
Adjutant, State Dept.

BEVERLY

Commander: Norman L. Day
4 Southern Ave., Essex, Mass.

Secretary-Treasurer: Thomas J. Wallace
33 Thorndike St., Beverly, Mass.

The Beverly Chapter held its December meeting on the 6th at the Earle T. Wardell American Legion home.

We had one of the biggest gatherings for some time among them were Fred Creed, Frank Smith and Bill Prest. There is one who should come in for a special mention and that is Bill Davis.

Norman Day spoke of his attendance at the Manchester, N. H., Executive Committee meeting. Among some of his remarks were the action to be taken with an effort to have the railroad station on Route 128 named "YANKEE DIVISION STATION", also that Past National Commander is to obtain a stone from the YD Church in Belleau, France, which is to be placed in the Monument at Cathedral Pines.

A great many favorable remarks were passed complimenting the new lease of life of "Yankee Doings".

After the usual jam session John Shaw, Adjutant of Wardell Post entertained the Chapter with moving pictures of recent action in Korea, which proved very interesting. Of course no meeting is brought to a close without some form of a repast, and that was coffee and doughnuts.

I have nothing to say about sick call this time, except for myself having been shelved for a while with bursitis, but it is eventually clearing up.

I have neglected to mention in the notes for sometime, that Carroll Wheeler, former Lieutenant in D Battery, 101st F. A., WW-II, visited Beverly during the summer. Had quite a talk with him and he looks the picture of health. Carroll is located at Fernando Valley, Calif.

BOSTON

Commander: Edward J. Kane
223 South St., Brookline, Mass.

Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

With the start of the New Year the YD Club of Boston is in the best shape it has been for many years both financially and in appearance. The Club rooms have all been redecorated from top to bottom. And the best part of it is that we have paid this as we finished the work, besides spending over five hundred dollars on the roof. There is still much to be done and we hope we can report in a years time that the rest will be finished. There is still more work on the roof, and the building has to be repainted in many places and the front cleaned. We have also retired most of the Bonds issued in 1946 and 1948 and also some of the loans.

Several meetings of the 1954 Convention Corporation have been held and the ground work has been done for a very successful Convention next June.

Glad to see John (Top) Regan, Hqrs Co, 104 Inf., WW-I once more around the Club after being in the Hospital for five months.

Our New Year's Eve Party was a huge success with a capacity house, in fact we had to turn many away for lack of space.

The Military Ball held at the Sheraton Plaza on Dec. 5th was the largest and most colorful one we have ever had. There were so many in the Grand March that it was hard to get it going in formation. All men were in Uniform and the ladies in beautiful gowns. There were all kinds of uniforms, YD, Legion, VFW, Ancients, Fusiliers, Military Academy, Drum Corps and Service.

Received a letter from SFC Albert Schleyer, L Co, 104 Inf, WW-II from Korea. He says it is a rough country where he is living in a tent on the front line.

Heard from Lt. Col. Edwin (Ted) Noyes. He is back in this Country after two years in Japan. Colonel Harold J. Smith, Past Pres. of the Club expects to be retired this year. He is now on duty at Langley Field, Va.

FITCHBURG CHAPTER

Commander: Elvio N. Ruberti
60 Normandy Road, Fitchburg, Mass.

Secretary: Ernest George
100 Pacific Street, Fitchburg, Mass.

The regular monthly meeting of the Fitchburg Chapter Y.D.V.A. was held at the Chapter rooms on Tuesday, Nov. 10. Twenty-three of the members attended, and Commander Robichaud presided.

We are sorry to report the passing of one of our Chapter members, Waino Lassila. As far as this correspondent was able to ascertain, Waino is the first of us, who comprised the first group of draftees taken into the Y.D. from Fitchburg, to have passed away outside of the Service. Many of the Chapter members paid their respects at the Funeral Home.

Nomination of Officers for the coming year was the principal items of business at this meeting. However, nominations will still be open at the next meeting, preceeding the election. This will be an important meeting, so we'd like to see a large turnout. Also, we'll be starting to work on the big social event of the winter, our Annual Installation. Nobody throws a better party than the Fitchburg Chapter when we install our officers, so we want every member to participate.

We're still trying to give away a uniform at every meeting. We're going to run out of eligibles pretty soon. Only two members drew at this meeting. Our Commander-to-be, Al Ruberti, was the lucky winner. You members who are not equipped, come up and win a uniform. We've got quite a few members on the Chaplain's Report, including our Secretary Bill Sherrin. With the Xmas season almost upon us, we'd like any member who knows of a sick comrade to communicate the fact to either Bob O'Brien or yours truly. The Chapter depends on its members to keep up to date on this important information.

Our next meeting will be at the Chapter rooms on Tuesday, Dec. 8. See you then.

James A. Smith
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for Bill Sherrin

LYNN

Commander: Eustis B. Grimes
89 Aspen Road, Swampscott, Mass.

Secretary: Edmond Trudell
44 Bowler St., Lynn, Mass.

Our Armistice Eve Banquet & Ball was a huge success with Tom Curran as chairman and MC. Our principal speaker Royal K. Hayes did a grand job and the boys are still talking about it. Our National Commander Mike O'Connor also did a fine job and was presented a YD plaque as a gift from the Chapter.

Commander Eustis Grimes welcomed the gathering and assisting on the main committee were Ed Trudell as Secretary and Ray Doucette as Treasurer with Charles Benway in charge of tickets and Walter Smith on Memorial services.

On Armistice Day the Chapter led the 2nd Division in the Parade, headed by Saugus High School Band and our National Commander Mike and his 2 Sgts.-at-Arms, paraded with us and we had the best turn-out in years. After the parade a luncheon was served the band and YD men, under supervision of Ed Trudell and Mrs. Trudell and Helen Keating and others. Colonel John Pickett assisted in Parade arrangements with Ray Doucette. After the Luncheon, members went to General Edwards Bridge and with short memorial services, placed wreaths on the plaques at Revere and Lynn end of bridge.

On December 15th the Chapter presented its annual YD revue at the John Adams Hospital and presented boxes full of good things to eat and use, to about 55 YD men at the Hospital. A. Raymond Doucette, P.N.C., was once again the general chairman ably assisted by Commander Eustis Grimes, S.V. Com. Charles Scanlon, J.V. Com. Robert Hurley, Edmond Trudell, Newton Courtney, Claude Hoag, Oliver Nichols, George Wood, James Campbell, Leander Maes, John Day, Richard Hennessey, Alphonse Adrien, Leslie Pugh, William Eddows, Clarence Sewell, Edward Nicholson, George Walton, Edward Saulnier, Charles Burrill, Leon Varnam, Francis Tetlow, Roy Knox, Walter Smith, Joseph Daley, Thomas Hennessey, Thomas Curran, Edwin Streeter, Charles Benway, Charles Balcolm and William Clapp. Boxes will be distributed to all our Y.D. members at home or in other Hospitals. The Y.D. Revue was under direction of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Freeman of Nahant and they did a grand job.

The Duke

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: William Dressner
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Since the Supper and Meeting of last May 11th, 20 YDers have paid up their 1953 Dues. The get-together was pleasing to all those who were there. 41 YDers were present. Commander Dresner, hopes that the attendance will still be greater at the next supper.

The Officers of the Chapter know that many cannot attend regular Y.D. meetings, for such reasons as: Occupation, Residential, other Meetings, T-V and many other reasons. But they expressed their willingness to attend another supper. We'll be on the lookout for Commander Dresner is preparing to set another up sometime in May, 1954.

Harold Kenyon has been in Davis Park Hospital awaiting an operation. He would like to hear from someone.

December 28, Comrade Pierre A. Dumaine passed away at Davis Park Hospital. He had been at Davis Park for some time.

Commander Dresner and the Officers of the New Bedford Chapter wish each and all Y-Ders,

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dester D. Dubois, *Secy.*

READING

Chateau-Thierry Chapter
Commander: Ralph E. Wilson
64 Pleasant Street, Reading
Secretary: Carl W. Goodridge
206 Bancroft Avenue, Reading

Meeting of State Dept. at Reading Chapter, Dec. 6, 1953. Committee: Jerry Gerard, Bob Smith, John Palumbo, Carl Goodridge, Ralph Wilson, Jim O'Rourke chief chef. Meeting called at 3:00 by State Commander Nute. Adjourned at 4:30 after a very interesting meeting. The men met at V.F.W. Quarters and the Ladies Auxiliary met in Enterprise Hall. After the meeting a buffet lunch was served in Enterprise Hall.

Carl W. Goodridge, *Secy.*

SALEM CHAPTER

Commander: John Burbine
286 West Emerson St., Melrose, Mass.
Secretary: Ernest J. Pelletier
22 Mt. Vernon St., Peabody, Mass.

The following were elected as officers for the Salem Chapter: Commander John Burbine, Secretary Ernest J. Pelletier, Treasurer George Bingles.

Since losing our quarters, which was torn down by the city, we have been trying to get other quarters. The Chapter will meet at the Moose quarters on Sunday, Jan. 10th.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Hugo M. Scagliarini
165 Middlesex Street, Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Thomas Crokan
21 Home Street, Springfield, Mass.

Stanley Kibbetts died in Soldiers Home, Holyoke, Nov. 21st and was given a Military Funeral. P.C. Dee and myself represented the 104th Regt. A.E.F. Arthur "Pop" Fales is back in the Holyoke Home again and we hope it won't be long until he is out again.

Your Humble Servant failed to make the second meeting of the By-Law Committee in Providence, R. I. due to the fact that he has a grandson that has Sailor instincts. He swabbed the deck of the Sun Porch with crankcase oil.

We are holding our meetings in the G.A.R. Hall on 44 State St., until our new quarters are available and we can use a lot of help to put it in shape for our meetings. As soon as the place is ready we plan to hold an open house Party and we urge every member to be present. The Ladies will be there to lend a hand.

Error in last issue of Doings — Spick Hall and Eddie O'Conner are very much alive. So far Bill Chestnut is improving and is up and around. Spic Hall had two operations in one day.

Hey you WW-II guys! Doc Stevens is doing business at 254 Rogers Ave., West Springfield. (Joseph Edwin). Drop in or drop him a card.

Several members of the Chapter went to Soldiers' Home in Holyoke to help the Auxiliary put on a Christmas for seven of our member patients, one in Rutland, George Lyons and Frank Reigner in Leeds.

Dr. Frank W. Larrow was taken to the Mercy Hospital early in December. You 102nd F. A. Buddies could drop him a line at 239 Arcadia Blvd., Springfield.

The members of the Chapter spent New Year's in their own way at the various places and it should be a good stunt for the YD to have their Party where all would be known to each other and they could tell of good times gone by including 1917 and 1918.

This is all for now and with the signing up of Jack Golden Asst. Mgr. the Springfield Nash Auto Sales I'll say HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Walt Gilligan is in the Wesson Hospital at this write-up. Just came back from Old Saybrook, having attended the newly instituted Michael A. Conners Chapter. The Installation went off smoothly with Jack Farquhar of New York doing the honors.

Mrs. O'Connor and her son Thomas were present and were made honorary members of the Chapter. The Ladies served a very nice lunch.

Thomas F. Crokan, *Secy.*

WORCESTER

Commander: R. Joseph Fontaine
46 Milton Street, Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Harold J. Esip
22 Northboro St., Worcester, Mass.

Three of the big events that take place in this Chapter in the course of a year are the installation of officers, the Children's Christmas Party and the New Year's Eve Party. Two of these parties were held within the past two weeks and thanks to Harry Tripp both went over the top, a grand success. Harry worked hard donating much of his valuable time to make the kids happy with

their party. Harry was again drafted into service for the New Year's Eve Party. The talent was of the highest degree and caused belly splitting laughs throughout the Club.

We were honored to have such celebrities as Roy Reimer, Dept. Junior Vice and Catherine Reimer, Past State Department President.

Commander Joe Fontaine will be carried on the sick roster for the next few months. Joe slipped on icy steps and ended up with six broken ribs. Again we would like to thank the Auxiliary for the splendid cooperation they have given us in the past year. There is no doubt that without their help most of last years parties would have been a flop. Let's hope that the new year will get some of the slackers off their fannies and do more work and less complaining.

Hal Esip

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Commander: James F. Meikle, RFD 1, Unionville, Conn.
Secretary: H. Leroy Woodcock, 94 Elmwood Ave., Waterbury, Conn.

STATE MEETING

December 13, 1953

Meeting called to order by Commander Meikle at 3:30 P. M. Chaplain P.D.C. Tom Porter gave the opening prayer.

Comrades reported the following: Andrew Casula at Vets Hospital, West Haven, Conn.; Wm Salladin at home, 153 Goodwin St., Bristol; Wm. Dipple home from West Haven Vets Hospital; Al Tournard at Newington; Ralph Quigley at Manchester, Conn. Hospital; Lewis Burke, Hartford, Hospital; and Charles Sturgeon home at 53 Lincoln St., Forestville, Conn.

Howard Titus, reporting on Who's Who in YD, stated hey should be in the mail shortly after New Year's.

On the 2nd of December, the Dept. of Conn. YDVA resented a 21-in. General Electric Black Daylight Tele-ision to the Veterans' Hospital at West Haven. Mrs. Otto Weiler who was appointed Chairman of the Television Committee, was in the New Haven Hospital and unable to be there at the presentation. Commander and Mrs. Meikle, Sgt.-at-Arms and Mrs. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Woodcock, Otto Weiler, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richmeyer, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Titus, Carroll B. Case, Sam Tubin and Jack Bathgate who is in the television business, were present. Mrs. Weiler bought the set from Jack. He certainly gave us a good buy and deserves a lot of thanks.

Howard Titus moved that the Dept. Secretary write a letter of thanks and appreciation to Jack Bathgate. Carried.

P.D.C. Clyde Beckwith moved that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent Mrs. Otto Weiler for the splendid job she did as Chairman of this committee. So moved.

P.D.C. Tom Porter read a petition for a charter for the Michael A. Conner Chapter YDVA at Old Saybrook, Conn. They have 13 members to start with. This petition was read at the last National Executive Committee meeting and approved, provided the Dept. of Conn. YDVA sanctioned it. A motion was made by Otto Weiler that the Dept. of Conn. YDVA sanction this petition. So moved.

Commander Meikle spoke on Membership and Attendance. Now, Chapter Commanders, I have been Secretary 9 years, and in that time Meriden holds the record with 13 Chapters present at State Meetings. Commander Meikle would appreciate it if each Chapter Commander would see that if he cannot attend he would see that some group from his Chapter attend. 13 out of 18 Chapters isn't a good record. So won't you back up your State Commander and attend the State Meetings? Let's break that 13 record before Commander Meikle goes out of office! He has only 4 more meetings.

Gen. Ernest E. Novey, Commander of Torrington Chapter, gave a short talk.

February Meeting—Stamford or Hartford—Place to be announced.

March Meeting—Bristol—Place to be announced.

April Meeting—New Haven—Place to be announced.

Meeting adjourned, 5:00 P. M.

Torrington Chapter Auxiliary served an excellent supper.

H. Leroy Woodcock,
Dept. Secretary

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: Elmer F. Troland
102 Eastern Pky., Devon, Conn.

Secretary: Samuel B. Zolo
1928 Seaview Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn.

Our Annual Christmas Party was held at the Hitching Post Inn run by our good member and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shultze.

And as always it was a very fine Dinner. The arrangements were in the hands of Charles Cockerton, Eric Erickson and ably assisted by Mrs. Cockerton.

Just to say a good time was had by all is not enough. A fine gathering of old and young members attended and with Dr. and Mrs. Sprague there to cheer us up and remind us all of the times when we all went through the tough times so that we may enjoy times like these now. That is what we all fought for he said in his remarks, so

that we may all live the life we want the way we want.

With us was Mr. and Mrs. Bergeron who were to France this summer where they visited many of the places the YD were when in France. His remarks described the YD Memorial Church at Belleau, the Cemetery and many other interesting places they visited.

We also had at the Dinner a veteran of the WW-II and Korean Wars. Dr. and Mrs. Ziegler who opened an office and home in West Haven and is a son of a YD veteran of WW-I. A very fine couple whom we all wished the best of luck for the future.

To give more names of those attending will take up too much space but I must not forget to tell of the gift the Chapter gave Mr. and Mrs. Sam Marcus. Sam who is always on the go for the YD and the veterans in general. So after the eats the fine remarks by the various members and with songs and best wishes we parted for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sam Zolo, *Secy.*

HARTFORD

Commander: Carrol B. Case
23 Harvard Street, Hartford, Conn.

Secretary: George J. Farnsworth
315 Brewer Street, East Hartford, Conn.

Hartford Chapter is busy making final plans for its annual banquet to be held in D.B.S. Hall, 302 White St., Hartford on Saturday, February 6, the Division's 36th anniversary of entry into the front lines on the Chemin des Dames sector. Under the able chairmanship of past commander Sam Tubin, the program is all arranged for the big event, and when Sam has his hand in it, you can be assured it will be done to perfection.

Past Commanders' night was observed at our January meeting. It was good to have so many of our past leaders in attendance, such as Edgar F. Miller, Bill Sullivan, Ben Bourn, John Goss, Jack Carter, Charlie Perry, John Curtin (poet laureate), Harry Robertson, Len Fletcher, Harold Ellingwood, Col. Henry Beebe, Howard Titus, Paul Caravatt, George Farnsworth and Sam Tubin. Dick Edwards was convalescing at the hospital and John Costello was down on his farm, and were the only PCs absent. Frank Stickney, our good comrade from the 2nd Division, showed several reels of pictures, and Sam Tubin's KP's served lunch, ending a very enjoyable evening spent with so many of our 'old timers'.

We are glad to report that the following members have recovered from their recent illness: Harry Anderson, Bill Williamson and Patsy Erimita, and Ralph Quigley is convalescing in the Manchester, Conn., hospital.

New Year's greetings to all.

—C.

SAYBROOK

Michael A. Conners Chapter

Commander: Thomas H. Porter
P. O. Box 318, Saybrook, Conn.

Secretary: Edward V. Bowie
Essex Road, Westbrook, Conn.

In the presence of distinguished guests the MICHAEL A. CONNERS CHAPTER of the YANKEE DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION was founded on Sunday, December 6, 1953, in Old Saybrook, Connecticut. Officers were elected and plans were made for the installations of officers and the presentation of a charter at the next meeting to be held in the American Legion Home, in Old Saybrook, January 3, 1954.

Officers elected were: Thomas H. Porter, of Old Saybrook, Commander; Maurice C. Griffen, of Essex, Senior Vice Commander; Harold Elbert, of Old Saybrook, Junior Vice Commander; Edward V. Bowie, of Westbrook, Secretary and Treasurer; Charles F. Sizer, of Old Saybrook, Chaplain; William J. Thompson, of Westbrook, Historian; George F. Houlihan, of Old Lyme, Sgt.-at-Arms; Trustees: Thomas H. Porter, one year; William G. Stark of Chester, 2 years; Charles F. Sizer, three years.

It was voted to name its Chapter in honor of the late Capt. Michael A Conners who served as company commander of the supply company, 102d Infantry during World War I. It was also decided to hold meetings of the Chapter regularly the first Sunday each month of the calendar year. Among the guests present were: James F. Meikle, of Unionville, Dept. Commander of the Yankee Division Veterans' Association; James H. Steinson, Dept. Commander of the American Legion; Fred Albert, Commander of the Anderson-Hoxsie Post, American Legion of Westbrook, Andrew Riga, Commander of Faulk-Marcolini-Newman Post of Old Saybrook; Otto Weiler, Commander of New Haven Chapter, YDVA; Ed Coulumbo, Past Commander of New Haven Chapter, YDVA.

A representative group from the area attended the first meeting, and it is expected that members will be added at future meetings.

All YD members are requested to be present at this next meeting to make this Yankee Division Veterans' Association bigger and stronger and every meeting thereafter. Keep YD Alive.

All YD members are invited to attend our next meeting so please tell all National Officers and Past National Commanders they are invited to this next meeting. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Yours truly,

Thomas H. Porter,
Commander Elected

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Commander: Guy M. Kittredge, 33 Prospect St., Cranston, R. I.
Secretary: Wilfred M. Bresette, 84 Lexington Av., Providence 7, R. I.

Due to the publishing of only six copies of Yankee Doings a year, it becomes difficult to keep readers of Yankee Doings up to date regarding activities of Departments or Chapters. One has to reminisce on past activities and attempt to predict the future.

However, I can report that the Memorial Services and Armistice Parade was very well attended. Following the parade a goodly crowd of members and their wives gathered around the festive board at the Driftwood Restaurant, Pawtuxet, R. I. During the festivities and with "Champagne" in hand the gang sang "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" dear Walter in honor of P. C. Walter Vickery. It couldn't of happened to a better guy.

Commander Kittredge on behalf of the Dept. of R. I. extends sincere BEST WISHES for a HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS YEAR of 1954 TO ALL.

Wilfred M. Bresette,
Secy., Dept. of R. I.

KENT COUNTY CHAPTER

Commander: George MacCloud
50 Van Buren St., Lakewood, R. I.

Secretary: Arthur F. Vine
421 Warwick Av., Lakewood 5, R. I.

Kent County Chapter held its annual Xmas Party Dec. 12, 1953 at 8:30 P. M. in Clayville Community Hall. A good attendance enjoyed refreshments and a dinner furnished by the ladies, bless them. The usual exchange of presents amidst decorations of streamers, a lighted Christmas tree, centerpieces and Christmas music, all furnished by our Jr. Vice Com., David Greenwood who deserves a rising vote of thanks for his tireless and successful efforts to make the occasion memorable.

The ladies also played Santa and distributed the presents. The Chapter wishes you and every YD man and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Arthur F. Vine, *Secy-Treas.*

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DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Commander: John V. Chesson, 2 Ashland St., Nashua, N. H.

The October meeting of the Dept. was held in Portsmouth, N. H. Presiding was Sr. Vice Commander John Bechard of Portsmouth due to the absence of yours truly because of the sudden death of my father.

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was approved. Committees on Membership and Hospitalization gave reports and on the latter a motion was made to give the Chapters more support in Hospital Work. We placed ourselves at the convenience of the Manchester chapter regarding this. We went on record commending the Auxiliary on their great help in Hospital Work.

The next meeting of the Dept. of N. H., is to be held in Lebanon, N. H. The Triangle Chapter YDVA has invited us to hold our November meeting at the American Legion Home located on Parkhurst Street in Lebanon, N. H.

LEBANON, N. H.

One of the best meetings of the Dept. this year was held in Lebanon, N. H. A real good turnout of members. Comrade Sharkey of the Triangle Chapter reported that the Triangle Chapter has endorsed Comrade Past Dept. Commander Clarence Anderson for National Commander.

NASHUA, N. H.

The next meeting of the Dept. of N. H. is this coming Sunday, December 20, 1953 at 3 P. M. in the American Legion Home on Court Street in Nashua. This is going to be an Xmas Party meeting and we ask that each member attending bring a fifty cent (50c) gft to the meeting. A man bring a man's gift and a woman bring a woman's gift so that we will come out evenly. A Lunch will be served by the Nashua Auxiliary after the joint meeting. Let's show our YD spirit and come to Nashua and enjoy the Xmas Spirit.

Yours in Comradeship,

John V. Chesson,
Dept. Commander of NH

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Commander: Enoch Lyman, RFD 3, Montpelier, Vermont

RUTLAND CHAPTER

Commander: George F. Richardson
63 Pleasant St., Ludlow, Vt.

Secretary: Harold E. Stoddard
41 High St., Ludlow, Vt.

The Rutland Chapter held a meeting Oct. 16th at Charles Gleason's camp, Ludlow, with 9 members present. Voted to reimburse Phil Rich for flowers for John Ryan's funeral. John died in Rutland and was a former member of the Chapter.

William Ginn of Cuttingsville was elected Commander to fill out the term of Charles Gleason who has been elected State Commander.

An oyster supper was served by Harold Stoddard and the boys seemed to enjoy it. It was voted to hold our next meeting in Wallingford, Vt., with Robert Eddy making the arrangements. Arthur Smith a former State Commander of the YDVA died at the Veterans' Hospital in White River Jct., early in October.

On Nov. 10th our regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Wallingford, Vt., with 17 members present. 4 of the boys signed up that night.

A delicious Chicken Pie supper was served by the wives of the Wallingford boys under the direction of Robert (Smoke) Eddy.

State Commander Charles Gleason spoke on membership both for the Chapter and National.

Rutland was chosen for the place for our next meeting the 2nd week in January. Date to be announced later.

Most of the boys at the meeting are getting ready for deer hunting which opens Saturday, November 14. Some tall hunting stories were told. It looks like a game supper for the Chapter.

Harold E. Stoddard, *Secy.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST

Commander: Michael F. Justynowicz, 108 North Eighth St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Secretary: Karl G. Ley, Jr., 1017 So. Frazier St., Philadelphia, Penn.

NEW YORK

Commander: Lawrence I. Hammer
225 West 34th Street, N. Y. 1, N. Y.

Sec.-Treas.: Edmund C. Polakowski
86-09 57th Road, Elmhurst 73, N. Y.

Our last meeting was really a pleasant one. Unfortunately only 6 ladies showed up on Ladies' Night. We had plenty of beer, sandwiches, coffee and cake. Preceding the snack we enjoyed viewing the beautiful motion pictures in color. Fishing in Canada was out of this world. Color and subject matter were terrific. You need not have been an angler to enjoy it.

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The "Island of Haiti" was most educational and interesting.

Thanks to our Jim Hurley, our noted sports columnist of the New York Mirror for his efforts in procuring this entertainment for us. Thanks also to the Shaeffer Brewing Company for sending Messr. Pete Fitzpatrick and Howard Klein to show them to us.

By the way, if it's beer with character you want, try Shaeffers.

Ed Polakowski

PHILADELPHIA
"Quaker City Chapter"

Commander: Francis J. Gallagher
105 Garth Road, Oreland, Pa.

Secretary: George C. Linthicum
1007 Minden Lane, Collingdale, Pa.

In the previous issue of Yankee Doings I neglected to mention that we welcomed a new YD member to our ranks in August. He is Dick Wible who served with the 104th Inf. Glad to have you aboard, Dick.

Cy Teblum, who re-enlisted in Uncle Sam's service and who is now stationed in Alaska, keeps us well informed of his activities. We can usually count on at least one letter from him each meeting. Keep writing, Cy, we all enjoy hearing from you.

Your correspondent missed the September meeting so cannot report on it in detail. I understand our football raffle was held and was slightly disappointing from a financial point of view. Bill Drollinger sold the winning ticket. Well, let's hope next year's project is more successful.

September also saw us gain two more members—Dan Kelly from up Reading way and Dick Thomas of Drexel Hill. They are World War I boys, and they bring our First World War membership up to 9 members. This represents the largest WW-I membership for us since the end of the Second World War.

Secretary George Linthicum reports that our Chapter membership is now 133% of last year's paid-up membership. This is indicative of what the YD can do to solve a problem when everyone pitches in and gives his best effort. We are very proud of our accomplishments along this line and much credit is due George who has done most of the "brute" work in connection with our drive. But we must not rest on our laurels yet. Keep the membership drive going under full steam.

Armistice Day plans called for services to be held at Oakland Cemetery here in Philadelphia at the grave of Anthony Kurcherk (L Co., 328th Inf.), killed in action at the battle of the Bulge. Unfortunately, services had to be cancelled because there were not enough fellows who had Wednesday off. So we will have to hold it over until next Memorial Day.

That about brings the record up to date now. Our Dec. meeting will be held Dec. 4 at the "Dugout", 3533 North 11th St. See you there. Come on out and have a wonderful time—you won't regret it.

—Art Raver

The 328th Infantry Combat Team held its first meeting at the Hotel Woodstock in New York City on October 3, 1953. Under the leadership of Rev. Francis X. Bransfield, who was the guiding force behind this organization, 75 former 328th Infantry Combat Team veterans assembled for our meeting.

Officers elected at this meeting were as follows:

President: Arma E. Andon (Co. H); 1st Vice Pres.: Mark Q. Branniff (Hq. Co.); 2nd Vice Pres.: John P. Sheehan (263rd F. A. Bn.); Secretary: Arthur C. Raver (Service Co.); Treasurer: Leonard A. Weakley (Service Co).

The dues were established at $1.00 per year. It was decided that in the future the annual reunion would be held on the first weekend in October at the same place in New York.

If there are any 328th veterans who were not able to attend this first meeting and who wish further information, it may be obtained by writing to: Arthur C. Raver, 2439 Ardsley Avenue, Glenside, Pa.

The snowstorm which hit our city on Nov. 6, really knocked our November meeting for a loop. Five loyal members showed up, including our newest YDer, Friedrich (Fritz) Schoellhammer, 101st Inf., who deserves much credit for braving the storm. Sorry more weren't out to welcome you, Fritz. I understand he told some pretty good stories of the YD and I hope he'll repeat them at a future meeting for the benefit of more of the members.

December 4th meeting was well attended and we once more enjoyed some newsy letters from Cy Teblum in Alaska. Must be rather chilly there, because every other line was "brrrrrr". We know he is going to enjoy the little "muffler" we sent him.

The ping-pong table received a good workout after the meeting—everybody is out to take the trophy away from "Brownie". George Linthicum faithfully keeps the record up-to-date so that we know where we stand.

The Auxiliary gave a swell Christmas party for "children of the YD", Saturday afternoon, Dec. 19. The "Dugout" was well filled with about 20 kids, their parents, and presents. Did the kids enjoy it more than the "old folks"? I wonder? Santa Claus (alias John Schork) was perfectly cast—didn't muff a line—and even knew the little one's weaknesses and faults. When reminded of them, they all promised to do better in 1954. Maybe not for the whole year, but a few days anyway.

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such a good poem that I thought it worthy of publication in Yankee Doings, and George Linthicum has given me permission to reprint it. It is self-explanatory and I think we all can profit from its words:

IS THIS YOU?

Are you an active member
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home
And criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part
To help the work along?
Or are you just satisfied to be
The kind who just belong?
Do you ever work on committees
To see there is no trick:
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the "clique"?
So come to the meetings often
And help with hand and heart.
Don't be just a member
But take an active part.
Think this over, Brother
You know right from wrong
Are you an active member
Or do you just belong ? ? ? ?

It says plenty, doesn't it? Let us all be active members for the strength of the YD lies in its active members.

January meeting to be held on January 8th at the "Dugout", 3533 North 11th St., at 8:30 p.m. See you all there.

Art Raver

DEPARTMENT OF THE MIDDLE WEST

Commander: Edmund D. O'Connell, 7919 So. Union Ave., Chicago, Ill.

CHICAGO

Commander: A. J. Keyworth
6247 No. Wayne Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Secretary: John H. Donovan
64 West Randolph Street
Chicago 1, Illinois

The Chicago Chapter celebrated its 20th anniversary with a dinner-dance at the Midland Hotel on Saturday evening, November 28th, 1953. John Lee, PC, was chairman of the affair, and a grand time was had by all. The food was excellent, and the music and songs by "The Strolling Captivators" was enjoyed immensely. Tables were set in cabaret style, and during the course of the dinner, songs, such as we sang back in the old days, rent the air.

After the dishes were cleared the Chairman read a message of congratulations from National Commander Michael O'Connor. He then called on Walter Crowell, the Chapter's first Commander, for a few words. At the conclusion of his talk, he presented Certificates of Meritorious Service to Edmund D. O'Connoll and John H. Donovan for their untiring efforts in keeping the YD Club of Chicago alive. These certificates, usually given at conventions, were recently received from headquarters, and were to be presented by the National Commander in event the National Executive Committee relented and held a meeting out here. The last National Executive Committee meeting declined Chicago's invitation to meet out here, and, as a consequence, the certificates were mailed here for the presentation.

Mr. O'Connell, getting up out of a sick bed to be in attendance, brought with him clippings of the first parties and other parties held after organizing. He thanked the members present for the honor of receiving the Certificate, and stated that the YD Club has been and will continue to be his one true love. Mr. Cohen, I mean Donovan, was in no mood to be thankful for the certificate. He called attention to the fact that 125 letters went out to WW-II men, and not one showed up. This wasn't the only matter that riled him, as he had so many dinners guaranteed and quite a few didn't show up; as a consequence, the YD Club must dig into its bank account (which will be overdrawn) to pay for the dinner and music. Maybe Santa Claus will be good to the Club.

Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. John J. Lee, his two brothers-in-law and their wives; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crowell; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fick; Mr. Ed O'Connell and his sister, Ethel; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kentwortz; Mr. and Mrs. Gil Nape and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. John H. Donovan and Abe Sherman. Mr. and Mrs Harry Pritzker arrived later in the evening, as the former shavetail from M 104th is under the doctor's care. The dancing exhibition by Gil Nape and his daughter was enjoyed, and he showed the rest of the old timers present that there still is life in the old boy yet.

Before closing, I wish to inform the members of the Chicago Chapter that the financial lift given the Club for the above party was greatly appreciated. However, the cost of the party exceeded our take and donation, and some effort must be made to recoup our losses. Don't all speak at once; all donations will be gladly accepted.

Latest issue of Doings gives me the creeps when I read where Harold Nelson, "Buffalo" Bill McCarthy, Maurice F. O'Brien, Frank Bryan and others have answered their last roll call.

See where New Hampshire is tossing the hat into the ring for the next National Commander. Well, here goes, Chicago Chapter is advancing the cause of one Edmund D. O'Connell for the honor of being the next National Commander.

J. H. Donovan, *Secy.*

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CLEVELAND, OHIO

Commander: Fred H. Flahaven
RFD No. 4, Park Rd., Painsville, Ohio

Secretary: Fred E. Bastel
1737 Coit Road, East Cleveland, Ohio

The Ohio Chapter has lost its best friend and staunchest supporter in Mr. Charles A. Otis who was affectionately known and called Mr. Cleveland. His was a colorful career in Cleveland for about 60 years. He married Lucia Edwards, a sister of General (Daddy) Clarence R. Edwards and always had a soft spot for the Yankee Division. With one or two exceptions, he never missed meeting with us on the Mall in front of the granite Gen. Clarence R. Edwards memorial stone and take part in our service in memory of the departed comrades on Decoration Day.

Whatever the occasion, he always spoke a cheery word and affectionately referred to "Clarence" in many of the incidents he related to us at these gatherings. Charlie Otis had been ill for several months and was confined to his home when he passed away on Dec. 9th, 1953. He reached his 85th year last July 9th. The Ohio Chapter feels the loss of a true friend, and extends its most heartfelt sympathy to the daughter and son surviving him.

With the change of election time from Spring to Fall, some of the members are of the impression that dues begin with the new regime in the Fall. The dues are due July 1st and with us they are payable beginning with April 1st. Of course if you want to pay them earlier, I am sure the Treasurer will not turn a deaf ear to you but most likely will extend his hand toward you with the palm turned up.

Through the courtesy and generous invitation of Comrade Edward Dulude and his wife, the Chapter and Auxiliary held their Christmas Party in the large recreation room of their new home. Unfortunately some were ill, and a few others were out of town, but the rest that came had a good time—it was a different kind of party from previous years. There were about 35 or 40 present. A couple of hired musicians livened up the group with their timely tunes and rhythms.

A buffet lunch was served consisting of about 3 kinds of cheese, delicious ham, large, fat wieners or frankfurters, pickles, celery, olives—both kinds, several kinds of cake and I don't know what else. It is the consensus of a good many that next time we hold a New Year's party instead, as the two weeks preceding Christmas, there are so many parties held that it is difficult to find a proper place or date to hold one. We were fortunate in the invitation we had received this year.

We are glad to hear that Hank Buehner and Bill Huebler are on the mend, as they both had been hospitalized. Michael McCarthy too, had been ill but is now back on duty; he is a police sergeant in charge of firearms.

Best wishes for a Prosperous and Happy New Year, 1954!

—Fred Bastel.

DEPARTMENT OF THE FAR WEST

Commander: Albert J. Shepard, 616 East Carson St., Torrance, Calif.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA
Desert Chapter

Commander: Edward (Red) Shea
4729 Narragansett Ave., Ocean Beach
San Diego, California

Secretary: Earl P. Holbrook
1547 West Vernon Ave., Phoenix, Arizona

When this appears in Yankee Doings the holiday season will be over and 1954 will be on its way. The members of the Desert Chapter wish to extend its best wishes to all members of the YDVA wherever they are. To the ladies of the auxiliaries we extend our grateful thanks for the many services they have rendered the YDVA and may they continue on with us through the years to come.

To this writer, after living so many years in New England it is rather difficult to look at the holiday season with the same prespective due to one thing—NO SNOW. Oh yes, there is snow in Arizona but none of it so far has entered the Valley of the Sun. Cool nights and frosty mornings but the days are warm. The resorts heat their swimming pools and the golfers wear heavier shoe laces but all in all says the Chamber of Commerce, it's the ideal spot to spend the winter.

With only eight members in the Desert Chapter it is not easy to mention any activities such as prevails in the larger Chapters, but at least we can say that our interest in Y.D. still prevails, and as long as there is a Y.D., I hope we can be counted in. Strange that so many former YD men are not interested enough to remain affiliated with the Chapter nearest their home.

It won't be long now before we hear of the preparations for the coming Boston convention and it reminds this writer that it was a long 3000 miles back to New Haven but worth it just to say hello to so many former friends and their ladies. I hope sometime the convention convenes in some spot that will enable the outpost chapters to have a larger representation but it is safe to say such a move would cut down the number from New England. I noted a great many missing at New Haven and the most they had to go was 100 miles. It appears that many of the old standbys are regulating themselves to any easychair and watching the world go by through T.V.

We'll be looking forward to the next issue of Doings to read what has been going on around the circuit. Happy New Year to all YD men.

Dinny O'Holbrook

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY—

(Continued from page 10)

the accepted method practised by more than 700 churches in Massachusetts, as well as government agencies throughout the United States. Mr. Strong functions as executive director of the Massachusetts Crime Committee.

With the program complete, a special meeting was called to formulate procedure and policy. H. Guy Watts, national secretary of YDVA, who is also editor of "Yankee Doings," the YD national publication which has been printed since 1921, agreed to devote as much space as was necessary, to direct the members in the method of aiding in this important work. The magazine "Yankee Doings" is mailed to every member throughout the United States as well as Veterans hospitals and is religiously looked upon as the YDVA national voice, and the best medium to work through.

Packets will go to every YD chapter, articles of instruction will appear in every issue of Yankee Doings, directives will be mailed from National Headquarters at 200 Huntington Ave. in Boston. Commander O'Connor, Watts and the entire executive committee are prepared to work untiringly under the direction of Mr. Strong.

The program has already been launched. The initial article has appeared in the last issue of Yankee Doings announcing the kick-off. The number of inquiries are already exceedingly high, and if this can be used as a barometer the campaign promises to be a success.

This is an indication of what can be done by any group who may be interested in important civic questions of national or local importance. Directly or indirectly, we are all affected by the terrible rise in juvenile delinquency and as good citizens, we should try to do something about it.

YD officials in Boston state that "We of Hampshire County and Western Massachusetts should feel proud to know that we number among our citizenry a farsighted official, who has put into operation a plan for good, to help eradicate a civic cancer, by combining the efforts of thousands of veterans whom he leads as national commander in chief."

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MAJ. GEN. CLARENCE R. EDWARDS CHAPTER AUXILIARY

President: Laurice J. Harmon
116 Whipple Road, Kittery, Maine

Secretary: Gertrude H. Drusendahl
Kittery Point, Maine

Our Portsmouth YDVA Auxiliary have been holding Public Whist Parties each month. They seem to be going over quite nicely.

In November our Auxiliary held a Beano Party at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital. On December 22nd, we visited the Naval Hospital for the annual Christmas Party. The Elton Apple Farm very kindly donated a large box of apples which helped make this Xmas visit a success. The patients really enjoy these visits.

We held our own Auxiliary Christmas Party on our regular December Meeting night. One big feature of the Party was a large birthday cake presented to Bill Harmon by Mabel Ross, as he was celebrating his birthday that night.

We also held our annual Xmas Party for the Chase Home for State Children on December 23rd.

The project of transportation for the Civilian Defense Project was discussed. We're all going to help all we can on this idea.

Guess this is all I can find of interest.

Sincerely,

Gertrude H. Drusendahl
Auxiliary Secy.

A joint meeting was held last Friday evening, December 4, at 8 P. M. by the Clarence R. Edwards Chapter YDVA & Auxiliary.

Commander Dana Huntress, presiding.

It was a short meeting but the old YD spirit still lives down here in Portsmouth.

Away down here as they say in those woods we have a man who I know will put the YDVA in the limelight again.

Clarence Anderson as our next National Commander. Clarence hails from Athol, Mass., but he is a fighter and a YD man who is true to the old Gold & Blue.

A Committee was appointed to carry out Memorial Exercises next Memorial Day, May 30, 1954, in memory of our departed comrades who have crossed the great divide.

The Exercises will be held at the grave of the Yankee Divisions' only honored civilian who worked for the Veterans' of the Yankee Division.

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JOHN H. BARTLETT

A special marker will be placed at his grave at that time.

On December 23, in the evening, a Christmas Party will be put on by our YDVA Auxiliary for Children at the Chases' Home on Middle Road, to bring to them the tidings of Christmas the Auxiliary have been knitting Gloves, Stockings and Warm Clothes and Toys, that they may enjoy the spirit of Christmas from the old Gold & Blue, the YD.

After our meeting a Bang-up Christmas Party was put on by Mrs. Laurice Harmon, the President of the Auxiliary and Auxiliary members with the exchanging of gifts and a Buffet Lunch, with home-made pies, cheese cake and cookies. Again a most enjoyable get-together—the old YD has never let down the Yanks at Play.

Clarence Anderson was our Santa Claus. He makes a good one with that Navy Yard Tuma he is carrying around.

Comrade Henderson our Treasurer from Barry, N. H., brought down some of that cheese made up there in them thar hills and believe me comrade the mustard gas at Mont Sec doesn't have anything on that cheese.

We call him Cheese Henderson, from Barry, N. H.

Comrade John Ross has bought a dress form to make all his wife's dresses. Oh, boy, and what lines. Gently flaring skirt with rhinestone button tops. Angora collar and cuffs trim this delightful dress made by Ross. Calling all YD Ladies. I don't know if John would make a dress from a pattern or a live pattern. Watch out all you YDers—if you get up some morning and find a note from your wife saying I have gone to Portsmouth to get fitted by Ross.

Mike Condon,,
Publicity Officer
222 Wibird St.
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MANCHESTER CHAPTER YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Malena Byron
156 Sagamore St., Manchester, N. H.

Secretary: Eva L. Brown
747 Hanover St., Manchester, N. H.

The outstanding activities of the Manchester YDVA

Auxiliary for the month of December was a Bingo Party given to the Veterans' in the Hospital.

The Auxiliary also trimmed a Christmas tree at the Hospital.

A regular meeting was held on December 9th, at the Legion Post 79, with Malena Byron presiding. The meeting adjourned early and we enjoyed a joint Christmas Party with the YD. Chapter.

Respectfully yours,

Eva L. Brown, *Secy.*

YDVA AUXILIARY, NEW HAVEN, CONN.

President: Beatrice King
1416 State St., New Haven, Conn.

Secretary: Laura Monnemy
90 Banton St., North Haven, Conn.

New Haven Chapter YDVA Auxiliary held our regular meeting on the Second Monday of the month as per schedule. Our Jr. Vice Pres. Viola Weeks, who is also National Treasurer is very ill at her home—but hopes to be out soon.

Our Card Party scheduled for Jan. 16, 1954 is progressing very well.

With all best wishes for a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

Laura Monemmy, *Secy.*

WORCESTER CHAPTER YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Susan M. Noponen
7 Phoebe Way, Worcester, Mass.

Secretary: Mary T. Boyd
413 West Main St., Northboro, Mass.

We had a wonderful Xmas party at the Y.D. Club on Dec. 16th. Fifty-three women attended including our National President, Irene Melville and her Sgt-at-Arms, Lillian McGonigle, who were our guests. Pres. Melville also brought one of her lovely daughters with her. We had dinner at 8 o'clock and group pictures taken. After the dinner our President presented poinsettias to our Auxiliary members who are Gold Star mothers. She also presented poinsettias to Auxilary members who are mothers of World War I Chapter members. Then Pres. Naponen presented checks to Auxiliary members who are widows of Chapter members.

After this we had a gift exchange presented to us by a real live Santa Claus named Florence Goodwin, assisted by her helpers. All in all it was a wonderful party but we did miss our Past Pres. Minnie Gilliam and our Treasurer Alice Bird who are enjoying Florida sunshine with their husbands but we wish them well. New Year's Eve we are going to the New Year's Party that the Chapter has at the Club. On January 6th we are having a beano party at the Rutland V. A. Hospital for Wards I and K.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Boyd, *Secy.*

DEPT. OF MASS. AUXILIARY

President: Mary C. Butler
14 Fairfield St., Worcester, Mass.

Secretary: Mary T. Boyd
413 West Main St., Northboro, Mass.

On Dec. 19th Pres. Butler, Hospital Chairlady Stella Lavallee of Northampton and other Auxiliary members went to the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea to decorate a tree there and presented twenty-five dollars to be given to the boys there in $1 bills.

Sometime in January the State Dept. will have a Coffee Hour at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, and in February a Beano or Horse Race Party at the V.A. Hospital in Leeds. The Hospital Chairlady will be a very busy woman for the next few months. Our next Dept. meeting will be held in the YD Club, 839 Main St., Worcester on Sunday, January 10, 1954. Happy New Year to all the Auxiliaries.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Boyd, *Secy.*

SPRINGFIELD YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Florence Patch
98 Alden Street, Springfield, Mass.

Secretary: Ann Valentine
1035 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, Mass.

The December meeting of the Springfield Auxiliary was held at Stella's Restaurant, North Agawam, on December 21st, in the form of a Christmas Party—A very enjoyable evening was had by all that attended.

A short business meeting was held directly after the dinner, before games and exchange of gifts.

Service Officer Kit Crokan reported on her Beano Party at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home and also that she had sent Christmas Boxes to YD men at Leeds, Holyoke and Rutland Hospitals.

On December 17th the Past President's Club of Springfield Auxiliary held their annual Christmas Party at Turner Park—a lovely dinner was enjoyed—gifts were exchanged and of course all enjoyed the regular "Turner" floor show. Among the missing was Marion Hogan, now residing in Sunny California. Mildred Martindale, who was "weathered in" in the hills of Charlemont—Mary Dee, who was ill and Myrtle Gilligan, who due to the illness of her husband Past Commander Walter Gilligan, was un-

able to attend. All other members were there with "bells" on.

Next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held at the new home of Mildred Harris, when plans for a busy 1954 will be discussed.

With a Happy New Year to all, we are,

Yours in YD,

Ann Valentine, *Secy.*

DEPT. OF N. H. YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Clarell Lovejoy
36 Tilton Ave., Kittery, Maine

Secretary: Laurice J. Harmon
116 Whipple Road, Kittery, Maine

Our meeting of November 29th was held at Lebanon, N. H. Although there is no Auxiliary there at the present we had a wonderful time, and are in hopes of having one soon.

There were members from Manchester and Portsmouth and as a visitor we had a Mrs. Smith from Newport, N. H.

Our president Clarell Lovejoy donated a pair of pillow slips, won by Eunice Weaver of Manchester and a good sum was realized. The mystery prize was won by Ellowean Anderson.

Nashua invited us to hold our Christmas Party with them on December 20th.

Manchester invited all ladies to attend their party at the Veterans Hospital on December 15th.

A grand lunch was served by the Lebanon ladies and a good time enjoyed by all. Thanks to the Lebanon Chapter.

December 20, 1953

American Legion Hall, Nashua, N. H.

Our regular meeting was called to order by our President Clarell Lovejoy.

The mystery prize was won by Laurice J. Harmon.

While we learned there was a veteran at the hospital that came from Portsmouth, the ladies thought it a good idea to buy a Christmas dinner for his family. They have seven children. A collection was taken and a dinner bought and delivered to him by Mabel Ross, Clarell Lovejoy and Laurice J. Harmon. They were very pleased to think people thought of them.

After the meeting we had a Christmas Party and the Chapter joined the ladies.

Gifts were exchanged and lunch was served by the Nashua ladies.

A grand time was had by all.

Our next meeting will be in Manchester on January 24th.

Laurice J. Harmon, *Secy.*

104th INFANTRY, WW II

DEAR PAST MEMBER OF CO. 'G':

During the past year's many former members of Co. 'G' have expressed the desire to attend an Annual day's get-together for the purpose of renewing old friendships. Much thought has therefore been given this matter and after a great deal of discussion with the following:

Pete Poudrier, 303 Riverside Dr., Northampton, Mass.
John Bombard, U. S. Vet's Hospital, Northampton, Mass.
Joe Leonard, 56 Wenham St., Forrest Hills 38, Boston, Mass.
Bill Hickey, 123 Williams St., Hyde Park, Mass.
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Ray Beard, 7 Pine St., Medfield, Mass.
Phil Perri, 1145 West Ave., Ocean City, N. J.
Stan Dziadosz, 5 Kimball St., Ipswich, Mass.
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Vic George, 114 Scott St., Wilmington, Del.
Lou Koplan, 179 Milton Ave., Dorchester, Mass.
Jim Gilmartin, 17 Myrtle Ave., Wakefield, Mass.
Earl Johnson, 62 Pearson Rd., Belmont, Mass.
Harry Fox, 99 Esmond St., Dorchester, Mass.
Abe Ginsberg, 29 Underhill Ave., Winthrop, Mass.
Harold Burger, Main St., Springfield, Mass.
Chester Zawaski, 58 Woodbine St., Wollaston, Mass.
Manuel Enos, 53 Pitman St., Providence, R. I.
Max Cohen, 213 Reservoir Rd., Brookline, Mass.

At a meeting in Boston last year, it was decided to try to make an annual reunion either with the 104th or the 26th Division Reunion. Due to the uncertainty of the 104th Reunion this year, we will use the 26th Division Reunion date and city.

The following schedule which was voted last year.

1. An annual one-day reunion of former members of Company 'G'.
2. This activity will be held around the middle of April each year.
3. A notification of the exact date will be sent out at least one month prior to the reunion.
4. The administrative planning will be carried out by the officers you will elect at the reunion.

The reunion last year was thoroughly enjoyed by all the afore-mentioned members present. It is needless to say that this was a very small minority of the men that served with Company 'G'. It is our sincere hope that the number will increase greatly this year. It is because of this hope that we are writing you at this early date in order that you make plans to attend.

The outcome of this reunion will determine the fate of many possible future reunions.

If you are interested, please communicate (just a card) with Pete Poudrier as soon as possible. We are anxious to have you participate and would appreciate your getting other members of Co. 'G' whom you might know to participate in this reunion with us.

Pete Poudrier, *Sec.*

P. S. Address all communications to: Edward T. Poudrier, 303 Riverside Drive, Northampton, Mass.

Please send name and address to above.

E CO. ECHOES, 101st ENGINEERS, WW I

MAURICE CORKERY is the first to appear on your editorial stack of notes, letters, memos, etc., accumulated since last issue.

BERT DENNER was in talking over matters after he had been released by the Department of Commerce as a result of the economy policy . . . Since then (August) we ran into him at a New England Council conference and learned that he was very happy in a job as Advisor to the Industrial Development Commission of Fall River, Mass. . . . On August 6th we were delighted by a visit of BILL MOODY, his wife and son John.

. . . After leaving BILL and his family that day, we ran into our fine old Regimental Surgeon, "DOC" Nielsen, who really looks younger now than he did in War days . . . Down in Duxbury, Mass., this summer, we met Fred "Buck" Weaver of "F" Co. who was summering down there.

CHESTER ROGERS was in to see us in August, too. . . . Hadn't seen him for a long time . . . JOHNNY PRIESTLY had to move his gas station not too long ago . . . He's on River St., Hyde Park, Mass. . . ROGER HARVEY, after spending several years in Florida, has come back to New England to live.

Saw CHARLIE HURTER and MAURICE CORKERY at the 11-11-11 Club on Armistice Day . . . The former reported that he'd seen OKIE O'CONNOR . . . I think it was CHARLIE who also told me that ROLAND RICHARDSON is in the Vets. Hospital at Togus, Maine, not feeling too perky.

Late in October I received a letter from Harold B. Richmond, Chairman of the Board of the General Radio Company, Cambridge, Mass., saying that while in Rochester, Minnesota, he had taken a cab from the Mayo Clinic. The driver apparently noticed he had a Boston accent, and when that was confirmed, asked if he knew Ralph Eastman. He told him that he had been in the Crosscup-Pishon Post with me and knew of me otherwise . . . The driver gave him a Yellow Cab card with the name of COSTELLO written on it asking that it be sent to me, which Mr. Richmond did in his letter . . . Of course, it was EDWARD COSTELLO of none other than Company "E" 101st Genies, YD . . . Had occasion to talk to FRANK COPPINGER at the V.A. recently and found him to be his usual friendly cooperative self.

Ralph M. Eastman, *Secy.* Fred W. Campbell, *Pres.*

OLD COMPANY D

At our November meeting, 27 were present, including Fred Jackson, Boston; Bill Bonney, Marshfield, Charles Carver, Middleboro and Jacob Peck from Clinton. Doc Dittmar, Cliff Burgess and John Cadman cooked and served the dinner.

President Frank Monish outlined plans for the coming winter meetings to be held as usual at the West Pond Camp. Sheriff Chas. Robbin's was chosen chairman at the December party, Saturday, the 19th.

Lawrence Mansfield of Old D Co. died Nov. 16th and members of the old outfit turned out for the funeral.

Yours truly,

Earl Alexander, *Secy.*

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As time goes on, these expenses become greater. We are asking you to be as liberal as possible, but we really would like a donation from everybody who receives this letter.

It would be nice if we could announce at the next meeting that we have a 100% response from this appeal, because the money received from these donations represents the only means with which to carry on our work.

Henry F. Dunbar, *Cdr.*

..... Detach .....

James F. Thomas, Sr.
18 Lovell Ave., Shawomet, R. I.

Dear Jim:

Please find enclosed ..... which is my contribution to the Treasury of the Company C Veterans' Association.

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MYRON R. HUTCHINSON, formerly with Med. Det. 102 F. A., WW-I, died Nov. 22, 1953 at the Salem Hospital. He was President and Publisher of the Salem Mass., Evening News. He was a former member of the Salem and also the Danvers Chapters.

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VICTOR PERRAULT, formerly with Co. 'H', 102 Inf., died March 8, 1953 at Worcester, Mass. He was a former member of the Worcester Chapter.

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WARREN E. BARROWS, formerly with Bty 'E', 101st F.A., WW-I, died at Lynn, Mass., Nov. 20, 1953. He was a member of the Lynn Chapter.

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J. EDWARD MUNDIE, formerly with Co. 'B', 101st Eng. WW-I, died Nov. 14, 1953 at Quincy, Mass. He was a former member of the Springfield Chapter.

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MILTON F. DOXIE, formerly with the 26th MP Co., WW-I, died at Worcester Memorial Hospital, Sept. 18, 1953. His home was in Milford, Mass., and he was a member of the Milford Chapter.

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FRANCIS J. SHEARER, formerly with the 102nd Inf., WW-I, died recently in Wethersfield, Conn. Letter was returned marked deceased. No other particulars available at this time.

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JOHN F. MULLIGAN, formerly with Co. 'A', 101st Inf., WW-I, died at the Veterans' Hospital, Jamaica Plain, Mass., Nov. 29, 1953. He was a former member of the Boston Chapter.

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HARRY G. RENNAGEL, formerly with Co. 'L', 101st Inf., WW-I, died at Bradenton, Florida, August 29, 1953. He served as a Lieut. in WW-I, and retired as a Colonel, four years ago.

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STANLEY G. KIBBETT, formerly with Co. 'B', 104th Inf., WW-I, died November 21, 1953 at Springfield, Mass. He was a former member of the Springfield Chapter.

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PIERRE A. DUMAINE, formerly with Battery 'D', 102nd F. A., died in the David Park Hospital at Providence, R. I. He was a member of the New Bedford Chapter.

EDWARD H. DUFFY, formerly with Bty 'B', 101st F.A., WW-I, died at Brookline, Mass., December 25, 1953.

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LAWRENCE MANSFIELD, formerly with Co. 'D', 101st Inf., WW-I, died at Plymouth, Mass., Nov. 16, 1953.

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CAPT. BERTRAM H. SMITH, formerly with Hqrs., 180th F.A. Bn., WW-II, was reported deceased from Korea. No further details available. His home was in Fall River, Mass.

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DONALD S. BRANDER, formerly with Co. 'I', 101st Inf., WW-II, died while a P. O. W. in Korea. His home was in Attleboro, Mass.

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CHARLES A. OTIS, General Clarence R. Edward's brother in law, died recently in Cleveland, Ohio, at the age of 85. He was an honorary Member of the Cleveland Chapter.

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HAROLD J. EVANS, formerly with Co. 'F', 101st Ammunition Train, WW-I, died Christmas week. Burial was in Vermont. He was a member of the Springfield Chapter.

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WALTER F. GILLIGAN, formerly with Co. 'G', 104th Inf., WW-I, died Jan. 4, 1954. He was a Past Commander of the Springfield Chapter. Funeral details were taken care of by the Springfield Chapter and a large number attended.

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FRED MORELAND, formerly with the 101st Eng., WW-I, died Nov. 26, 1953 at Peabody, Mass.

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JOHN F. O'CONNELL, formerly with Co. 'G', 101st Inf., WW-I, died at Greystone, R. I., Jan. 7, 1954. He was a former member of the Apremont Chapter of Pawtucket R. I. Burial was in Worcester, Mass.

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FRED M. KIMBALL, formerly with Co. 'A', 101st Field Signal Bn., WW-I, died in Lake Worth, Fla., Jan. 7, 1954. Burial was at Hyannis, Mass.

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YD Tie Clasps, each	1.00
YD Lapel Buttons	.50